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Friday, 5 October 2007

Security Council

10 a.m.	5753rd meeting	Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in Myanmar

   Letter dated 3 October 2007 from the Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2007/590)

Morning[1]	Consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultations Room

Myanmar

Other matters

[1]To be held following the adjournment of the 5753rd meeting.

Military Staff Committee

11 a.m.–1 p.m.	1623rd meeting (closed)	Conference Room 9

General Assembly

Sixty-second session

10 a.m.	18th plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall

1. Organization of work, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items [7]: letter from the Chairperson of the Committee on Conference (A/62/338/Add.1)
2. High-level Dialogue on Interreligious and Intercultural Understanding and Cooperation for Peace (under agenda item 49 (Culture of peace)): reports of the Secretary-General (A/62/97 and A/62/337)

3 p.m.	19th plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall

High-level Dialogue on Interreligious and Intercultural Understanding and Cooperation for Peace (under agenda item 49 (Culture of peace)): reports of the Secretary-General (A/62/97 and A/62/337)

Announcement

The rearrangement of the front page of the *Journal of the United Nations* is in accordance with paragaph 15 of General Assembly resolution 60/286 of 8 September 2006 (A/RES/60/286).

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General Assembly

Sixty-second session

Informal consultations on agenda item 79 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 8
3–6 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 8

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

10 a.m.	1st meeting	Conference Room 3
	Organization of work (A/C.5/62/1 and A/C.5/62/L.1)	
	Statement by the Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations	
Morning[1]–1 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 3
	Informal briefing on the reform and management of the United Nations (by Ms. Alicia Bárcena, Under-Secretary-General for Management)	

[1]To be held following the adjournment of the 1st meeting of the Committee.

General Assembly

Committee on the Relations with the Host Country

10 a.m.–1 p.m.	234th meeting	Conference Room 4

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

11 a.m.–1 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10
	Communications and information technology	

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

There will be an informal consultation of the Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA on the preliminary draft of the UNIFEM biennial support budget *today*, 5 October 2007, from 10 to 11 a.m. in Conference Room 5. Interested delegations are invited to attend.

The Executive Board will hold a meeting *today*, 5 October 2007, from11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2. Interested delegations are invited to attend.

Informal consultations convened by delegations

Friday, 5 October 2007

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "The situation in Afghanistan" (under agenda item 19) (convened by the delegation of Germany)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on strengthening the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, in particular its technical cooperation capacity (under agenda item 108) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Italy)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

Other meetings

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Friday, 5 October 2007

2007 United Nations Disarmament Fellowship Programme

9 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room E

2–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room E

Group of 77 (on paragraphs of the report on the work of the United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea (UNICPOLOS))

9.30–10.30 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Group of 77 (Sixth Committee experts' meeting on the issue of administration of justice)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6

Group of 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5

African Group: Group of Experts on Economic Matters

11 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Group of the Least Developed Countries (presentation of the newly elected Coordination Bureau; implementation of the Brussels Programme of Action — The way forward; and other matters)

4.15–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

Other activities

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Friday, 5 October 2007

Panel discussion on "Human rights and implementation of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Liechtenstein)

From 1.15 to 2.45 p.m., in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Stefan Barriga, Permanent Mission of Liechtenstein (tel. 1 (212) 599-0220, ext. 221; e-mail stefan.barriga@nyc.rep.llv.li).]

Briefing by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) on the latest report on the triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system

From 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

[All are invited to attend.]

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>.

Friday, 5 October 2007

Room S-226

12 noon . . . . . Press briefing by the Spokesperson

2.30 p.m. . . . . H.E. Mr. Ekmeleddin Ihsanoglu, Secretary-General of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (on the Organization's reform, its relationship with the United Nations, the sixty-second session of the General Assembly and issues concerning the Middle East)

Forthcoming official meetings

Monday, 8 October 2007

General Assembly

Sixty-second session

10 a.m. . . . . 20th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

1. Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization (A/62/1) . . . . [109]
2. Appointment of members of the Joint Inspection Unit: note by the Secretary-General (A/62/174) . . . . . [114 (h)]

Main Committees

First Committee

The First Committee will begin its substantive work by holding a general debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items from Monday, 8 October, to Tuesday, 16 October 2007. The list of speakers for the general debate is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to kindly contact Ms. Alice Maillot-Charrat (room S-2977; tel. 1 (917) 367-4193; e-mail maillot-charrat@un.org).

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be forwarded to Mr. Jarmo Sareva, Secretary of the First Committee, (c/o Ms. Francine Leong (room S-2977; tel. 1 (212) 963-4389; fax 1 (212) 963-5305; e-mail leong@un.org)).

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

The Committee will begin its consideration of the cluster of decolonization items on Monday, 8 October, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers for the general debate relating to all decolonization items are kindly requested to notify Ms. Laurence Niosi (room S-2977JJ; tel. 1 (917) 367-9324; e-mail niosi@un.org).

Delegations are also reminded that the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers to the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) are to be submitted to Mr. Saijin Zhang, Secretary of the Committee (room S-2977K; fax 1 (212) 963-5305).

Background information on the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) can be found at the following address https://secln069.un.org/quick4info. Delegations could access the Web site by using their appropriate e-meets usernames and passwords.

Second Committee

General debate

The Second Committee will begin its general debate on Monday, 8 October 2007, at 9.45 a.m. in Conference Room 2. The Deputy Secretary-General, Mrs. Asha-Rose Migiro; and the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, Mr. Sha Zukang, will address the Committee.

Keynote address

There will be a keynote address by Professor Edmund Phelps, Department of Economics, Columbia University, and winner of the 2006 Nobel Prize in Economics, on Monday, 8 October 2007, from 10.15 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 2. For further information, please contact Mr. Alberto Padova, Office of ECOSOC Support and Coordination, DESA (tel. 1 (212) 963-4759).

List of speakers

The list of speakers for the general debate and for all other items allocated to the Second Committee is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact, *in writing*, the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Dolores Lois (fax 1 (212) 963-5935; or e-mail lois@un.org)).

Composition of delegations

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers, should be submitted to Ms. Jennifer de Laurentis, Secretary of the Second Committee (room S-2950E; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Third Committee

List of speakers

The list of speakers for the general discussion under items allocated to the Third Committee is now open. Delegations are kindly requested to consult the draft programme of work of the Third Committee (A/C.3/62/L.1) prior to contacting the Secretariat with their request for inscription on the list. Requests for inscription should be sent to Ms. Nancy Beteta (fax 1 (212) 963-5935; e-mail beteta@un.org).

The Committee will begin its work on Monday, 8 October, at 10 a.m. The Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, Mr. Sha Zukang, will address the Committee during the morning session.

Participants

Delegations that have not submitted the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers are reminded to convey such information to the Secretary of the Third Committee, Mr. Moncef Khane (room S-2950D; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Delegations wishing to reserve rooms for informal consultations on Third Committee matters are requested to contact Ms. Danielle Maillard-Lejano (fax 1 (212) 963-5935; e-mail maillard-lejano@un.org).

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold its 2nd meeting on Monday, 8 October 2007, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3. Informal consultations (closed) will be held following the adjournment of the 2nd meeting of the Committee in Conference Room 5.

Delegations that have not done so are kindly reminded to submit the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers to the Secretary of the Fifth Committee, Mr. Movses Abelian (room S-2633A; fax 1 (212) 963-0360).

Information on the work of the Fifth Committee during the sixty-second session of the General Assembly, including the tentative and provisional programme of work, is available at <www.un.org/ga/fifth>.

Informal briefings

Informal briefings (closed) will be held as follows:

Monday, 8 October 2007, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 3:

Administration of justice (by Ms. Alicia Bárcena, Under-Secretary-General for Management); and

Budgeting in the United Nations (by Mr. Warren Sach, Assistant Secretary-General, Controller)

Tuesday, 9 October 2007, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 3:

Enterprise resource planning (ERP)/Information and communication technology (ICT) (by Mr. Choi Soon-hong, Chief Information Technology Officer, Assistant Secretary-General); and

Capital master plan (by Mr. Michael Adlerstein, Executive Director, Assistant Secretary-General, CMP).

Sixth Committee

The Sixth Committee will hold its 1st meeting on Monday, 8 October 2007, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

The provisional programme of work for the sixty-second session, as well as other relevant information relating to the organization of work and the status of documentation, is available on the Web site of the Sixth Committee and is regularly updated (<www.un.org/ga/sixth/62/62_session.shtml>). The note by the Secretariat on the organization of work (A/C.6/62/L.1) and the allocation of agenda items to the Sixth Committee (A/C.6/62/1) have been issued.

List of speakers

The list of speakers for all items on the agenda of the Sixth Committee is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list are kindly requested to contact the secretariat of the Sixth Committee (Ms. Marianne Sooksatan (tel. 1 (212) 963-5378; fax 1 (212) 963-1963)). Please note that in the first week, the Committee will deal with agenda items 137 (Administration of Justice at the United Nations) and 108 (Measures to eliminate international terrorism).

Composition of delegations

Delegations that have not done so are kindly reminded to submit the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers to the secretariat of the Sixth Committee (room S-3460; fax 1 (212) 963-1963).

General Assembly

Sixty-second session

Informal consultations on agenda item 79 (b) (Oceans and the law of the sea: Sustainable fisheries)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 79 (b) (Sustainable fisheries, including through the 1995 Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, and related instruments) will be held from Monday, 8, to Thursday, 11 October 2007, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

General Assembly

Sixty-second session

High-level Dialogue on Financing for Development (23–24 October 2007)

The list of speakers for the plenary meetings of the High-level Dialogue on Financing for Development is open. Delegations wishing to participate in the plenary meeting on Tuesday, 23 October 2007, and in multi-stakeholder round tables on Wednesday, 24 October, are kindly requested to inscribe with the List of Speakers, General Assembly Affairs Branch (room S-2940B; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063; fax 1 (212) 963-3783; or e-mail dizon@un.org).

Detailed programme of the event is contained in the Note by the Secretary-General on the proposed organization of work of the High-level Dialogue on Financing for Development (A/62/271*). For further information, please consult the Web site of the Financing for Development Office at <www.un.org/esa/ffd>.

Forthcoming informal consultations convened by delegations

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the girl child (under agenda item 66) (convened by the delegation of Zambia, on behalf of the Southern African Development Community (SADC))

Monday, 8 October 2007, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on international cooperation against the world drug problem (under agenda item 107) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

Monday, 8 October 2007, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Wednesday, 10 October 2007, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on strengthening the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, in particular its technical cooperation capacity (under agenda item 108) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Italy)

Tuesday, 9 October 2007, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Thursday, 11 October 2007, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Meeting of co-sponsors on the draft resolution on the International Covenants on Human Rights (under agenda item 70 (a)) (convened by the delegation of Sweden)

Tuesday, 9 October 2007, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Thursday, 11 October 2007, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on condemning the use of rape as an instrument of State policy (under agenda item 63 (a)) (convened by the delegation of the United States)

Tuesday, 9 October 2007, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room D;

Wednesday, 10 October 2007, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room B;

Monday, 15 October 2007, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Tuesday, 16 October 2007, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "The situation in Afghanistan" (under agenda item 19) (convened by the delegation of Germany)

Monday, 15 October 2007, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D; and

Thursday, 18 October 2007, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D.

Other forthcoming meetings

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Group of 77 (on Third Committee matters)

Monday, 8 October 2007, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6; and

Tuesday, 9 October 2007, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Briefing for the Landlocked Developing Countries (organized by the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (UN-OHRLLS) and by the Agency for International Trade Information and Cooperation (AITIC))

Thursday, 11 October 2007, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

[For further information, please contact Ms. Margherita Musollino-Berg (tel. 1 (212) 963-4844; e-mail musollino@un.org).]

Briefing by the Director of the Directorate General of Human Rights and Legal Affairs of the Council of Europe on "Relevant work of the Council of Europe in the human rights field", for the Third Committee experts of the Permanent Missions of the States members of the Council of Europe to the United Nations

Tuesday, 16 October 2007, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room D.

UNITAR/DOALOS briefing on "Developments in ocean affairs and the law of the sea"

Wednesday, 17 October 2007, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

[For further information, please contact Mr. Samy Saadi, UNITAR (tel. 1 (212) 963-9684 or 963-9196; e-mail info@unitarny.org).]

Forthcoming other activities

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Youth Week — Youth issues at the sixty-second session of the General Assembly (8-11 October)

[*Note:* For venues, please visit <www.un.org/esa/socdev/unyin/ga62.htm>.]

Briefing for youth delegates of Member States to the sixty-second session of the General Assembly (organized by the United Nations Programme on Youth, Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs)

Monday, 8 October 2007, from 8.15 to 9.45 a.m.

Seminar on "Empowering youth in the global economy" (organized by the youth delegates of Member States to the sixty-second session of the General Assembly)

Monday, 8 October 2007, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m.

Panel discussion on "Youth participation for development: Assessing experiences of youth participation in policy-making" (organized by the Secretary-General's Youth Employment Network)

Tuesday, 9 October 2007, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m.

Panel discussion on "Youth participation in fighting HIV/AIDS" (organized by the Global Youth Coalition on HIV/AIDS, the NGO Committee on Youth, the UNIted Nations Programme on Youth, Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA))

Wednesday, 10 October 2007, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m.

Briefing on "Empowering vulnerable and marginalized youth in employment and education" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Switzerland)

Thursday, 11 October 2007, from 8.25 to 9.45 a.m.

[For more information, please contact Ms. Sylvie Pailler (tel. 1 (212) 963-2791; e-mail pailler@un.org).]

Briefing on "Recent developmens in settlement of conflicts in Georgia" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Georgia)

Monday, 8 October 2007, from 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please call the Permanent Mission of Georgia (tel. 1 (212) 759-1949; e-mail georgia@un.int).]

Briefing on "Climate change and disaster-risk reduction" (co-organized by the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) and the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (ISDR) Secretariat)

Tuesday, 9 October 2007, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please call the Office of the Permanent Observer of the IFRC (tel. 1 (212) 338-0161, ext. 100); or the Liaison Office of the ISDR Secretariat (tel. 1 (917) 367-8104).]

Expert Group Meeting: Innovative Finance for Sustainable Development (organized by the Division for Sustainable Development and the Financing for Development Office, Department of Economic and Social Affairs)

Thursday, 18 October 2007, from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 2 to 5.15 p.m. in Conference Room 7; and

Friday, 19 October 2007, from 10 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. and from 1.45 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please visit the following Web site: <www.un.org/esa/sustdev/sdissues/finance/egm2007/index.htm>.]

Briefing on "Special representative of the Secretary-General on violence against children" (organized by the Permanent Missions of Portugal (on behalf of the European Union) and Uruguay and the NGO Advisory Council)

Friday, 19 October 2007, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Rita Giao, Permament Mission of Portugal (tel. 1 (212) 759-9444, ext. 802; e-mail rgiao@missionofportugal.org).]

Forthcoming meetings held away from Headquarters

Security Council

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism
Fifth special meeting
United Nations Office at Nairobi

The Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism will hold its fifth special meeting with international, regional and subregional organizations, on the theme "Prevention of terrorist movement and effective border security", from 29 to 31 October 2007, at the Conference Centre of the United Nations Office at Nairobi (UNON). Member States which are not members of the Committee are invited to participate in the meeting as observers and to use the registration form on the Web site of the Committee. For more information about the meeting, please visit <www.un.org/sc/ctc>.

Announcements

General Assembly

List of candidates

Delegations are kindly reminded that the list of candidates (an informal working paper) for the sixty-second session of the General Assembly and other information on elections and candidatures are available on CandiWeb at the following address: <https://secln069.un.org/candiweb>. Instructions to access the Web page can be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-2337 or via e-mail to santomauro@un.org.

Credentials of representatives to the sixty-second session of the General Assembly

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the sixty-second regular session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials should be sent to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (room S-3420F or S-3420S; tel. 1 (212) 963-5358 or 963-5377).

Security Council

Web site of the presidency

The Web site of the presidency of the Security Council can be visited at <www.un.org/sc/presidency.html>.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council (<www.un.org/Docs/sc>).

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (room S-394).

Access to back issues of the *Journal of the United Nations*

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Summary of official meetings

Thursday, 4 October 2007

General Assembly

Sixty-second session

High-level Dialogue on Interreligious and Intercultural Understanding and Cooperation for Peace

17th plenary meeting

Culture of peace: reports of the Secretary-General (A/62/97 and A/62/337) [49]

The President of the General Assembly declared open the High-level Dialogue on Interreligious and Intercultural Understanding and Cooperation for Peace.

The President made a statement.

The Secretary-General made a statement.

Address by H.E. Mr. Manuel de Castro, Vice-President of the Republic of the Philippines

The General Assembly heard an address by H.E. Mr. Manuel de Castro, Vice-President of the Republic of the Philippines.

Statements were made by H.E. Mr. Munir Akram, Chairman of the Delegation of Pakistan; H.E. Mr. Fiorenzo Stolfi, Head of Government and Minister for Foreign Affairs of San Marino; H.E. Mr. Vartan Oskanian, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Armenia; H.E. Mr. Iftekhar Ahmed Chowdhury, The Honourable Adviser for Foreign Affairs of Bangladesh; H.E. The Honourable S. K. Boafo, Minister for Chieftaincy and Culture of Ghana; H.E. Mr. Tarek Mitri, Minister of Culture and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Emigrants of Lebanon; H.E. Mr. Nitya Pibulsonggram, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Thailand; H.E. Mr. Sven Alkalaj, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovna; H.E. Mr. Augustin Kouadio Komoé, Minister of Culture and la Francophonie of Côte d'Ivoire; H.E. Mr. Cheikh Tidiane Sy, Minister of Justice of Senegal; H.E. The Reverend Miguel d'Escoto Brockmann, Presidential Adviser on Foreign Affairs and Former Minister for Foreign Affairs of Nicaragua; His Eminence Metropolitan Valentin of Orenburg, Leader of the Russian Orthodox Church of the Russian Federation; H.E. Mr. Hidayat Orujov, Head of the State Comittee on Relations with Religious Organizations of Azerbaijan; H.E. Mr. Rod Kemp, Senator of Australia;

H.E. Mr. João Gomes Cravinho, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Portugal (on behalf of the European Union); H.E. Ms. Karen Hughes, Under-Secretary for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs of the Department of State of the United States; H.E. Mr. Viktar Gaisenak, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of Belarus; H.E. Ms. Helena Bambasova, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic; and H.E. Mr. Lyubomir Kyuchukov, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of Bulgaria.

Main Committees

First Committee

1st meeting

The Chairperson, H.E. Mr. Paul Badji (Senegal), made a statement.

Organization of work

The Chairperson made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Cuba, the Russian Federation and Egypt.

The Committee adopted its programme of work and timetable, as contained in document A/C.1/62/CRP.1.

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement.

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

1st meeting

Organization of work

The Committee had before it a letter from the President of the General Assembly concerning the agenda items allocated to it (A/C.4/62/1) and a note by the Chairman (A/C.4/62/L.1) containing suggestions on the organization of work.

The Chairman also drew members' attention to document A/C.4/62/INF/1, which contained the list of documents before the Committee.

The Committee approved its programme of work, as contained in document A/C.4/62/L.2

At the suggestion of the Chairman (A/C.4/62/L.1), the Committee decided to hold a general debate on decolonization items 36, 37, 38, 39 and 40, and to close the list of speakers on those items on Monday, 8 October, at 6 p.m.

The Committee also decided that Tuesday, 9 October, at 4 p.m. would be the deadline for submission of all draft proposals on decolonization items.

Request for hearings

The Chairman drew the Committee's attention to Aide-mémoire 1/07 containing 59 requests for hearing relating to the questions of Gibraltar, Guam, New Caledonia, and Western Sahara.

The Committee decided to circulate the requests for hearing as Committee documents.

The Chairman also informed the Committee of the communications received from the Chief Minister of Gibraltar, who wishes to make a statement on Gibraltar under item 38.

General Assembly

Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

304th meeting

The Chairman made a statement on a number of activities which had taken place since the previous meeting of the Committee.

Developments in the situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem

The Permanent Observer of Palestine made a statement.

Consideration of the draft report of the Committee to the General Assembly, contained in A/AC.183/2007/CRP.2

The Rapporteur of the Committee introduced the report.

The Chairman made a statement.

The representative of Cuba and the Permanent Observer of Palestine made statements.

The Committee adopted its annual report to the General Assembly.

Other matters

The Chairman made a statement on a number of upcoming activities of the Committee.

Economic and Social Council

Resumed substantive session of 2007

48th meeting

Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters . . . . . [1]

The Council resumed its consideration of the item.

Multi-year programme of work for the 2008 and 2009 annual ministerial reviews of the Economic and Social Council

Oral decision

Upon the proposal of the President, the Council adopted the following oral draft decision: The Economic and Social Council decides to adopt the following themes for its annual ministerial-level substantive reviews for the next two years: (a) 2008: "Implementing the internationally agreed goals and commitments in regard to sustainable development"; and (b) 2009: "Implementing the internationally agreed goals and commitments in regard to global public health".

After the adoption of the oral draft decision, statements were made by the representatives of Portugal (on behalf of the European Union), the United States and Pakistan (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China).

Economic and environmental questions: public administration and development [13 (g)]

The Council resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Action on draft resolution E/2007/L.40 and the recommendation contained in the report of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration (E/2007/44)

The Council was informed that draft resolution E/2007/L.40 contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Canada, in her capacity as facilitator of the draft resolution, orally corrected the draft resolution.

Statements were made by the representatives of Pakistan (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) and Cuba.

Following a clarification provided by the Secretary of the Council, the representative of Canada proposed an oral amendment to the draft resolution contained in the report of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration.

Upon the proposal of the President, the Council adopted the draft resolution contained in the report, as orally amended.

Subsequently, draft resolution E/2007/L.40 was withdrawn.

The Council thus concluded its consideration of the sub-item.

Economic and environmental questions: international cooperation in tax matters [13 (h)]

The Council resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Action on draft resolutions E/2007/L.30 and E/2007/L.38

The Secretary of the Council read out a statement of programme budget implications.

The Council adopted draft resolution E/2007/L.38.

Subsequently, draft resolution E/2007/L.30 was withdrawn.

The Council thus concluded its consideration of the sub-item.

Economic and environmental questions: United Nations Forum on Forests . . . [13 (i)]

The Council resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Recommendations contained in the report of the United Nations Forum on Forests (E/2007/42 and E/2007/42/Corr.1)

Draft resolution and proposed amendment (E/2007/L.39)

Upon the proposal of the President, the Council decided to postpone action on the draft resolution contained in the report and the proposed amendment thereto, contained in document E/2007/L.39.

Draft decisions I and II

The Council adopted the draft decisions.

Draft decision III

Action on the draft decision was deferred.

Subsequently, a statement was made by the representative of Pakistan (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) concerning the submission of a draft resolution under the sub-item.

Economic and environmental questions: cartography . . . . . [13 (k)]

The Council resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Report of the seventeenth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Pacific (E/CONF.97/7)

Oral decision

Upon the proposal of the President, the Council decided to take note of the report and endorsed the recommendation that the eighteenth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Pacific be convened for a period of five days in 2009.

The Council thus concluded its consideration of the sub-item.

Implementation of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits [6]

The Council resumed its consideration of the item.

Oral decision

Upon the proposal of the President, the Council decided to take note of the note by the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization contained in document E/2007/74.

The Council thus concluded its consideration of the item.

Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters . . . . . [1]

Elections postponed from previous sessions

Commission on Narcotic Drugs

The Council elected Cameroon and the Democratic Republic of the Congo, by acclamation, for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2008.

Commission on Sustainable Development

The Council elected the Democratic Republic of the Congo, by acclamation, for a three-year term beginning at the first meeting (held in 2008) of the Commission's seventeenth session and expiring at the close of its nineteenth session in 2011 and decided to further postpone the election of one member from Western European and other States for the same term of office.

Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme

The Council elected Brazil, the Congo, Israel and Jamaica, by acclamation, for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2008 and decided to further postpone the election of one member from Asian States and two members from Western European and other States for the same term of office.

The Council was also reminded of a leftover vacancy on the Governing Council for one member from Asian States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2008.

Organization of work

The President made a statement.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Annex I - International Labour Organisation (ILO) - to the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies. San Francisco, 10 July 1948

Application: Albania (4 October 2007)[1]

Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. New York, 16 December 1966

Accession: Albania (4 October 2007)[1]

International Convention Against the Taking of Hostages. New York, 17 December 1979

Ratification: Dominican Republic (3 October 2007)[1]

International Convention for the Suppression of Counterfeiting Currency. Geneva, 20 April 1929

Accession: Andorra (3 October 2007)[1]

Protocol to the International Convention for the Suppression of Counterfeiting Currency. Geneva, 20 April 1929

Accession: Andorra (3 October 2007)[1]

[1]Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

General information

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *October 2007* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Benin
H.E. Mr. Jean-Marie Ehouzou

Asian States:
Republic of Korea
H.E. Mr. Hyun Chong Kim

Eastern European States:
Poland
H.E. Mr. Andrzej Towpik

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Peru
H.E. Mr. Jorge Voto-Bernales

Western European and other States:
Turkey
H.E. Mr. Baki İlkin

[redacted] documents issued at Headquarters

With the exception of sales publications and public information material, hyperlinked official documents listed hereunder may be accessed through the Official Document System of the United Nations in the electronic version of the present Journal. The list contains documents issued by 2 p.m. on Thursday, 4 October 2007.

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	Sixty-second session
A/62/6 (Sect. 9)*	Reissued for technical reasons [A C E F R S]
A/62/231	Request for the inclusion of an additional item in the agenda of the sixty-second session — Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/62/301	Item 71 of the provisional agenda — Right of peoples to self-determination — Use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/62/324	Item 73 of the provisional agenda — Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance — Safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of United Nations personnel — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/62/353	Items 128, 135, 138 and 139 — Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 — United Nations common system — Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 — Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 — Administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission for 2007 — Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions [A C E F R S]

A/62/358	Item 128 — Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 — Construction of additional conference facilities at the Vienna International Centre — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/62/366–S/2007/570	Items 14, 98 (x) and 108 — General and complete disarmament — Prevention of armed conflict: implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-personnel Mines and on Their Destruction — Measures to eliminate international terrorism — Letter dated 20 September 2007 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Mali to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/62/371	Items 54 (c), 58 and 71 — Sustainable development: International Strategy for Disaster Reduction — Eradication of poverty and other development issues — Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance — Letter dated 5 September 2007 from the Permanent Representative of Nicaragua to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

Fifth Committee

A/C.5/62/L.1	Status of preparedness of documentation for the Fifth Committee during the sixty-second session of the General Assembly — Note by the Secretariat [A C E F R S]

Security Council	**Documents**
S/2007/10/Add.33	Summary statement by the Secretary-General on matters of which the Security Council is seized and on the stage reached in their consideration [A C E F R S]
A/62/366–S/2007/570	Letter dated 20 September 2007 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Mali to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1737 (2006)

S/AC.50/2007/135	Note verbale dated 20 September 2007 from the Permanent Mission of the Niger to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee [A C E F R S]

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Resumed substantive session of 2007

E/2007/L.22/Rev.1	Item 13 (i) — Economic and environmental questions: United Nations Forum on Forests — Programme budget implications of the recommendations contained in the report of the United Nations Forum on Forests on its seventh session — Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 31 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council [A C E F R S]

Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters
Third session

E/C.18/2007/5 Exchange of information — Note by the Interim Coordinator of the Subcommittee on Exchange of Information [A C E F R S]

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

Documents

Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women
Thirty-ninth session

CEDAW/C/39/D/6/2005*
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